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Enchanted Rock Becomes History

1981 A LONE STAR DIPLOMAT (Mike Conner).

A: Fred Winter. E: Jim Keith (res F02), Dave Grabar (dro S05), CD (out F05). F: William Owen. G: Tom Hancock (dro F05), Jeff Noto (res S08), John Banke. I: Guy Hail. R: Dan Stafford (win F08). T: Mark Johnson (dro W03) CD (out F04).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	6	7	8	8	6	4	1	1
E	4	3	2	1	0	-	-	-
F	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7
G	5	4	5	6	6	5	6	3
I	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	3
R	6	8	7	8	10	14	16	20
T	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-

ENDGAME STATEMENTS

Austria: Fred Winter

My key mistake was not stabbing Russia in the fall of 1902. It must have been, since it allowed him to win and me only to survive, and that just barely. Otherwise, a fun game, particularly two things: first, laughing at Italy's childishness--he takes Dippy so personally and emotionally; second, seeing my prophecy concerning Ita'y's stab of me come true--in the end he was weaker for having done it.

France: Seth Owen

I don't have an awful lot to say. Things went well for France in the early years. I had an alliance with Italy, Germany was noncommittal, but that worked out okay, because I was in the process of tactically outmaneuvering the English.

Suddenly Italy moved in my direction with several units! I had to react or be faced with the loss of several centers, so I had to call off the major portion of my forces and redeploy. This had far-reaching consequences up north.

Diplomacy is much like chess, and a chess concept is appropriate here: the concept of tempi. Essentially it boils down to the efficient use of time and moves. The race to England was won by Russia because of his efficient use of his moves. His units never used two moves to get where they could get in one move.

The Italian stab cost me a whole year. I had to move south after having moved, and then move north again, thereby using three moves to end up where one move would have placed me anyway. I am sure the Italian player has no idea of what his short-sighted move for limited tactical gain cost up north, and therefore he could not see why I was so irritated.

As soon as Russia conquered England he was well on his way towards winning, and I could do little

about it. The failure of Italy to either get along with Austria or put together an effective alliance against her was another factor. Guy let Turkey get overrun, yet he was unwilling to work with Austria either. Dan, of course, deserves a lot of credit for playing a clever and efficient game, but without Guy's help I think he would have had a harder time of it, and we would at least still be playing.

Russia: Dan Stafford

This game was rather enjoyable for me for a number of reasons. For one, I always enjoy a game more in a zine with good graphics and good repro. The GMing wasn't great, but it was certainly good enough. But the primary reason, other than the winning, was the come-from-behind nature of the game.

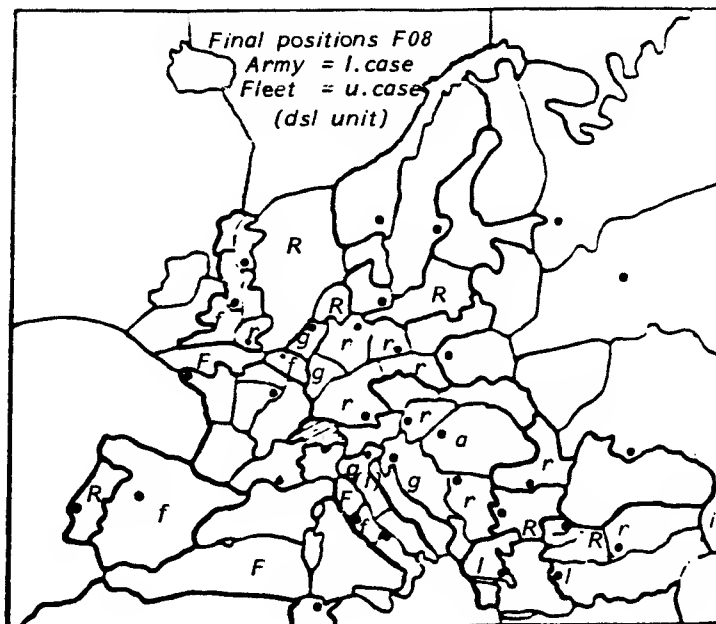
Early on, I was concerned almost entirely with the south, a mistake I was lucky enough to get away with. I had what I considered more or less equal offers from both A and T, and in such a case I will always choose the alliance that eliminates the corner country, in this case Turkey.

I believe that Mark (Turkey) realized that he was about to be nailed prior to the F01 move, but his NMR cost him Bul, Arm, and any chance of survival in the game (Break #1).

By S02 E and G had finally found each other and decided to come after me. How I survived that, I'll never know. But the English misorders and subsequent resignation, and Austria's army in Boh undoubtedly helped. When the smoke had cleared, Austria was in Mun and I was in Nwy (and Con).

After that the E-G alliance was never a threat, as England's new leader, Dave Grabar, never really

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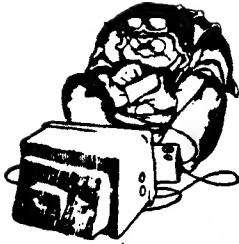
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NEW WAR SCHEDULED. The ending of Friendship with this issue cleared the way for a new game to begin: Longhorn. It is LSD's 12th gamestart, and here are the names and addresses of the players:

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This game should be pretty action-packed. Most of the players have experience in LSD games. It will be interesting to see how the alliances form up.

TRADES. I am cutting trades drastically as of this issue. For one thing, I don't think it is fair to other pubbers to trade their much larger monthly offerings while I am using a curtailed format and a longer time between issues. Also, in line with the austerity regime, I'm cutting expenses where possible. I'm trying to reduce my circulation to 70 or 75, which will cost less at the printers, and also make it much easier to finish up the final stage of collating, folding, addressing, stamping, and stapling. In addition, LSD will be printed on standard white bond paper, again reducing costs somewhat.

LISTS. Waiting: Luedi, Tatsch, Woodson are waiting for the M-game. Standby: Auxier, Beyerlein, Finley, Fritz, Fuss, Kador, King, Koehler, Milewski, Nichols, Noto, Pierce, Pond, Quinn, Ragsdale, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Tatsch, & Woodson.

SHORT & SWEET. It's a good thing that I gave myself an extra two days to get LSD into the mails. In the past I have spent three or four working days for production of LSD, but because of my precarious (but improving) financial situation, I must give a higher priority to my regular work. That means that I had to get the games adjudicated, typed, and pasted up in my spare time for this issue. It's taken almost a full week of after-hours production to accomplish this, and that's why there are only six pages in this issue. There is only a little leftover room for hobby news, letters, etc., so I considered going to eight pages, but I just don't have enough material or time for that. I'd rather get the game results back more quickly than spend more time on full-fledged production. I'm charging a full issue for this abbreviated edition, but if I have another short one next month it will be free. Thanks to everyone who commented on LSD's return. Maybe by taking it slow and easy, it'll be around for some time to come.

FOLDS. Most folks are disappointed to hear about the fold of Al Pearson's JUST AMONG FRIENDS recently. A number of the older zines are closing doors. I can certainly understand the reasons for this, since my personal problems have given me perspective on the importance of hobby matters versus personal maintenance. Job changes, divorces, illnesses, and other personal crises create enormous problems of adjustment, so it is understandable that there is a relatively short lifetime for most zines. Fortunately, there seem to be many newcomers to fill the gaps left by the dearly departed. Another Austin zine, THE GREAT WAR IN MODERN MEMORY, has just announced its fold because of pubber Guy Hall's new job responsibilities. Guy was one of the few who offered alternatives to the 4-6 week deadlines, and he ran his games on the British system of prophetic retreats and builds. I don't know anyone else in this country who does that. So long, Guy & Libby!



1980 KG

Derrick

S 1909

ARCHDUKE NED NEARS VICTORY; OTHER RULERS FIGHT ON

- & Corrections: The dsl English F Por was onnihiloted lost season. The Austrion unit in Apu is an army.
- & Summer 1909: Englund retreats dsl F Kie-Ber; Germany retreats F Nth-Nwg; Austrio retreats F Ion-Alb; Russia retreats A Lvn-Stp.
- & The draw proposol did not poss.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): A Yor-EDI, F NWY s Russian A Stp [otm], F NTH-Hol, F Ber-Kie (F DEN s), A Bur-RUH.

FRANCE (Larry McCloud?): NMR! A Par & F Por h. GERMANY (Al Giddings): F NWG-Nwy, F LON-Nth, A Kie-Ber [dsl, ret to Mun or dsb], A HOL h.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): A Spa-MAR, F TRH-Rom, (F NAP s), F Ion h [dsl, ret to Eos or dsb], F TUN s F Ion.

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A Pru-BER, A War-SIL, A Vie-BOH, A Ukr-WAR, A Mos-STP (A LVN s), A SMY h, A GRE h, A Ven-ROM (A TUS s), A APU-Nap, F Adr-ION (F AEG & F ALB s).

RUSSIA (David Pierce): A Stp-Nwy [dsl, ret to Fin or dsb].

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Edi, Lpl, Swe, Nwy, Den, <u>Stp</u> , Por, Kie	6/even (played 1 short, 1 ann)
F: Par, Bre, POR	3/build 1
G: Mun, Hol, Bel, Lon	4/even
I: Nap, Rom, Tun, Mar, Spa	4/remove 1
A: Home, Balkans, Sev, Mos, War, STP, Turkey, Ven, ROM, BER	17/build 3
R: <u>Ber</u>	0/out

& No stondby will be colled for France.

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GERMANY-WORLD: There will be no change in government here. The English meathead will continue to suffer. The idea of an English part of a draw makes the Kaiser very ill, but at the same time makes me laugh.

TUNIZIA-ENGLAND: Vote with the concession. I doubt you will be able to stop the Austrians, even with co-operation.

TUNIZIA-RUSSIA: Your gallant fight is inspiring. It makes me wish I had only one unit left.

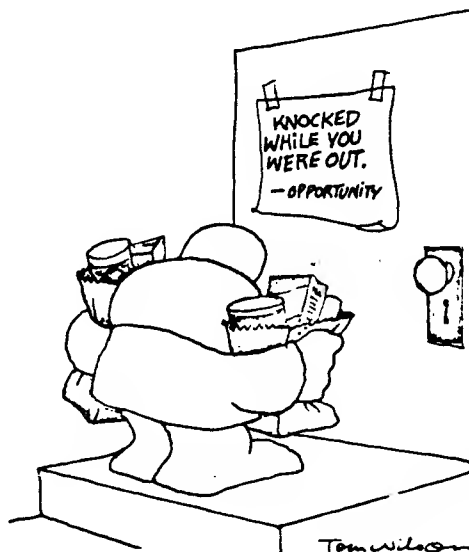
TUNIZIA-AUSTRIA: I figure I'll let you work for it; I have nothing else to do with my units. Good game. (Of course, it always helps to have some novice make a bunch of dumb mistakes.)

TUNIZIA-BOARD: Of course, we could always drag th this game on and take pride in the fact we're the number one letter around here!

GERMANY-GM: Hey Mike, don't you think you were rubbing salt in my wounds by letting England use my London dateline in the spring press? How about letting me use one of his this time? How about this one:

LIVERPOOL-ENGLAND: The English government informs itself that perhaps it should be more careful with the use of its electric vibrators. There seems to be an epidemic of rectal cancer spreading throughout Parliament.

M-GERMANY: No, I'm sorry, but I can't allow that sort of thing to happen.



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made an effective move, while Germany became preoccupied with retaking Munich and getting revenge against Austria. It was that preoccupation that made my victory, perhaps even my survival, possible.

In 1903 my Austrian ally, citing a tactical disagreement in our Turkish front moves, stabbed me! He took Rum in the spring and Sev in the fall, my nearest army being in War. Further, Turkey was now working with Austria, annihilating my southern army. But some effective phone diplomacy lined up both Italy and Germany for the coming war with Austria. (Meanwhile, my northern forces, cooperating with France, were finishing off England.)

With Italian, German, and Russian armies closing literally from every side, Austria was simply outgunned. In 1904 I retook Sev while Germany got Tri. In 1905 Italy took Ser while I forced my way into Bul, Rum, and French Lvp. Turkey was out, Austria was down to six centers (half of them in Turkey), and I was the clearly established leader.

Austria's hate letters to G and I were holding my alliance together far better than anything I could have done, but I wondered how long it could last with me at 10 centers. So when the original German NMRed out in 1906, I decided to make my move, attacking everyone on the board except Italy. Bud, Vie, Den, and French Lon were added, giving me 14.

Finally, the stop-the-leader alliance emerged, but it was too late. In 1907 I finally rooted Austria out of the Turkish centers, but he escaped to Ser. And the F-I bickering escalated to the point that they could not effectively combat me.

As for my adversaries in this game, I've decided to take the age-old advice that if you can't say something good about someone, don't say anything.



DEADLINE for all LSD games:

March 16, 1983

F 1909



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1981 CE Independence S 1907

TSAR INVADES GERMANY, HELPS TURKS
AGAINST WEAKENED AUSTRIAN FOE

& *Corrections:* French order A Bur-Bel was stood off by Germany; the unit is Bur was dsl and retreated to Gas. Germany retains Bel and is even at 8 SCs, whereas France is down to 3 and must remove 1.

& *Winter 1906:* Italy builds A Ven & F Nap; Russia builds F Stp(nc); Turkey builds F Smy. France removes F Iri.

ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F CLY-Lpl.

FRANCE (Jim Meinel): F BRE-Mid, A Pic-BUR, A GAS-Spa.

GERMANY (Don Scheifler): A Bur-PAR, F WAL-Lpl, A Yor-EDI, F Nth-ENG, A Ruh-BEL, A KIE h, A Mun-SIL, A Tyo-BOH.

ITALY (Doug Tatsch): F Nap-TRH, F SPA(sc)-Mid, A MAR-Gas, A PIE-Mar, F ION h, A VEN s, Austrian A Tri [otm].

AUSTRIA (Len Blasol): F Alb-ADR, A TRI-Vie [dsl, ret to Tyo or dsb].

RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): F Nwy-SKA, F Stp(nc)-NWY, A Lvn-PRU, A Ukr-WAR, A GAL-Vie, A BUD s, Turkish A Ser-Tri, A SEV h.

TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A Ser-TRI, F Gre-ALB, A Bul-GRE, A Con-BUL, F Rum-BLA, F Smy-EAS, F AEG s A Bul-Gre.

& *A French-English draw was proposed (haw!). Please vote with your fall orders. NVR = yes.*

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NORTH AFRICA-ITALY: The North African Used Camel Sales Association would like to know when and where the Italians would like to take delivery of their camel-drawn chariots.

FINLAND-ITALY: Dear Pope, Sir, please be advised that as soon as we learn how to walk on water and speak German, we would like nothing better than to colonize Rome.

VIENNA: Arm the Band! BANZAI!!!

VIE-MOS: Save it, Mac. A couple of seasons ago, I might've let you live, but NOW, forget it! I'll pass your offer on to somebody who'll believe it.

VIE-BER: Message received and understood. Roger wilco, over and out!

AUSTRIAN FLEET-ENGLISH FLEET: What it be like?

VIE-CON: So this is what I get for trusting a lawyer. Nixon for President!

PAR-BER: Unless you cease your invasion and join France, Italy, & England in a coalition against R-T, France will derive no greater satisfaction than seeing R-T roll right over you. Please reconsider.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: I know my correspondence has been rude, but I'll be gracious when you pull out of England. After all, why stay where you aren't wanted and can't get it together enough to take it by force.

ENGLAND-FRANCE: As we approach Valentine's

day let me tell you I love my strings.

WITZERLAND: Does anybody really trust the Turk? I so, why?

RISH SEA: Admiral Dubois, at the express orders of the President himself, and with tears in his eyes, ordered his ships of the 4th and 5th Atlantic Squadrons into the shallow waters off Bristol and had them scuttled. Singing the national anthem he and his men were led away to German detention camps. As a first officer

later noted, "through this humiliating and shameful act our President prays to save our nation."

ROM-BER: This silence is deafening. Was Mar that important to you?

VENICE: Distinguished visitors hit town over the holidays. Marshall Romaforevi was in town to supervise the mobilization of the new Army of Venice, while the Archduke arrived for an Allied Conference. Taking time out for refreshment, the two military leaders shared a table, a bottle, and bitter fruit at a local cafe. Although given to much sobbing and self-flagellation, the Archduke seemed to be morosely enjoying himself until an aide suddenly appeared with word of the fall of Budapest and Serbia. At this news, the Archduke lost all control, wailing and thrashing about wildly in his grief. Marshall Romaforevi tried to gently snap him out of it ("C'mon, man, for God's sake get a grip on yourself; people are starting to stare.") but to no avail. Mercifully, the Archduke lapsed into an alcohol-induced coma moments later, allowing aides to rush him back to the front--now just over the border in Trieste. As he watched the comatose head-of-state being carried out, the Marshall was overheard mumbling something about "...the Juggernaut's latest victim--who will be next?"

PAR-CLY: A pound of silver and peace was my price. I am truly sorry.

PAR-BER: Never a puppet, always a goat.

1982 AM

JALAPEÑO

W 1902

PEPPERS COOL IT AS CHANGE IN
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CANCELLED

& *Greg Fritz requested reinstatement as the Italian player, and the others consented. To get things back on track, seasons will be separated while the players reestablish communications.*

& *Autumn 1902: Germany retreats dsl F Hol-Hel & A Por-Bur.*

ENGLAND (David Pierce): Builds F EDI & A LON; also has F NTH, F BEL, F BRE, A PAR, & A HOL (7).

GERMANY (Terry Suitor): Has A MUN, A BUR, A SWE, A BER, & F HEL (5).

ITALY (Greg Fritz): Builds F NAP; also has F ION, F SPA(sc), A GAS, A MAR, & A VEN (6).

AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): Builds A VIE; also has A WAR, A GAL, A BOH, A TRI, & F GRE (6).

RUSSIA (CD): Has A MOS & F BAL (2).

TURKEY (Jim Lawniczak): Builds F SMY & F CON; also has A SEV, A UKR, F BUL(ec) & F AEG (6).

NEUTRALS: POR, NWY (2).

& *It's interesting to me that by the end of 1902 two powers are virtually eliminated, but there are still two SCs remaining unoccupied.*

Crock



W

King Ranch

F 1901

A-H STUNNED BY ITALIAN INVASION;
BRITS SCORE SCANDINAVIAN CENTERS

ENGLAND (Don Scheffler): A Edi-NWY (F NWG c),
F Nth-DEN.
FRANCE (Rob Landeros): A Mar-SPA, F Mid-POR,
A Bur-Mun [dsl, ret to Gas, Por, Pic or dsb].
GERMANY (Paul Milewski): A Mun-BUR (A RUH s),
F Hol-BEL.
ITALY (Bill Quinn): A Apu-GRE (F ION c),
A Ven-TRI.
AUSTRIA (Witt Pond): A GAL-Rum (A BUD s),
F Tri-ALB.
RUSSIA (Fred Winter): F Bot-SWE, A WAR-Gal,
F RUM h (A UKR s).
TURKEY (Seth Owen): A Bul-SER, F CON-Bul
[codst?], A SMY-Con.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Home, NWY, DEN	5/build 2
F: Home, SPA, POR	5/build 2
G: Home, BEL	4/build 1
I: Home, TRI, GRE	5/build 2
A: Vie, Bud, Tri	2/remove 1
R: Home, SWE, RUM	6/build 2
T: Home, SER	4/build 1

& Winter adjustments are due by the next LSD
deadline.

& Please note that the Boardman Number for this
game is 1982HU.

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LON-BELGIAN KING LEO: Don't look now, but the
German Army must have gotten your invitation by

mistake. Now my fleet must find a winter port else-
where. What a shame. I had hoped to meet with
the French commanders to discuss certain pressing
matters. Perhaps next fall?

VIENNA-WORLD: Austria-Hungary welcomes the
visit of Italian forces to Trieste.

BER-LON: There are two Kaisers--one in Wien,
capital of Österreich.

BER-VIE: So Franz blew off Nosov's nose! What
was he aiming at?

CHANCE-BERLIN: Go to Hell. Go directly to Hell.
Do not pass Purgatory. Do not collect two SCs.

ROME: Pope Guido received Emperor Franz the
Feeble at the Vatican today and gave him and the
Austrian people a blessing of Hope. "I think we
should be friends," the Pope said, "since we are
neighbors. On two borders."

BER-WORLD: Four No-trump and castle on the
King's side.

BER-PAR: Don't eat Quiche, eh? Well, bite my
Bratwurst!

PARIS: The Emperor spent the spring on a leisure-
ly holiday on the beaches of the Mediterranean.

Sporting his "new clothes", specifically the suit he
received for his birthday, down around St. Tropez
way, he would occasionally check his Diplomatic
pouch. He found it empty except for a *c'est la
guerre*-type message from the gentleman of the
Aryan persuasion. Oh yes! Also ran into the
Ambassador from Italy, a Senore Quinnere. Over
zombies in the lounge of the Hotel Monaco, they dis-
cussed the beauty and peacefulness of the region
until they got shit-faced and had to be carried back
to their rooms. Ah, la dolce vita! The Emperor
will spend the rest of his vacation in Pamplona to
take in the bullfights and the fiesta of San Fermin
before returning to carry on with the business of
this nasty war.

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